

The West End Comedy Club Access Information

Key Information

The West End Comedy Club is situated in the heart of the West End, just off Leicester Square. It is housed above The Arts Theatre in the upstairs bar of Covent Garden Social Club.

Unfortunately, the club has no step-free access and therefore is not accessible to wheelchair users.

Opening Times

- Monday: 19:15 – 22:00
- Tuesday: 19.15 – 22:00
- Wednesday: 19:15 – 22:00
- Thursday: 19:15 – 22:00
- Friday: Closed
- Saturday: Closed
- Sunday: Closed

Getting Here

Underground:

- Leicester Square is the nearest underground station and is served by the Northern and Piccadilly lines. This station is accessed by steps only. It is approximately 70 yds from the club.
- Tottenham Court Road is the nearest step-free underground station, served by the Northern and Central lines. It is approximately 0.3 miles from the club.

Bus:

- There are bus stops located on Charring Cross Road and Shaftesbury Avenue.

Train:

- London Euston Station and London Charing Cross Station have step-free access to all platforms and staff available to assist with ramps between the platform and the train.

Road:

- The club is situated on Great Newport Street which can be accessed from Charing Cross Road.
- The club is in the Central London Congestion Charge Zone (charges apply weekdays 07:00-18:00), and Ultra Low Emission Zone (charges apply at all times for non-compliant vehicles).

- Parking is limited and visitors are encouraged to use public transport. The parking bays outside the club are for resident permit holders only.
- The nearest car park is Q-Park Leicester Square, Whitcomb Street. There are 3 Blue Badge bays within the car park.
- On street Blue Badge parking bays are located on Orange Street and St Martin's Street. Parking is free for Blue Badge holders.
- A London taxi can be hailed or ordered by phone to any location. Taxi ranks are located on Charring Cross Road, Cranbourn Street, St Martin's Lane and Whitcomb Street.

River:

- 6 TFL River Bus routes run from 22 piers between Putney and Woolwich. The nearest pier is Westminster. This is close to Westminster Underground Station.
- There is step-free access onto the river buses, except at 3 piers.

Help and Assistance

- There is a member of staff available for help and assistance.
- There is not a member of staff trained in British Sign Language. British Sign Language interpreters cannot be provided on request.
- There are no mobility aids available.
- There is not an assistance dog toilet or toileting area at the venue/nearby.

Outside Access

Entrance:

- The main entrance is located on Great Newport Street.
- The entrance is marked by two gold doors, under a canopy signed 'Covent Garden Social Club'.
- When doors are open, there is a stand-alone sign outside the doors marked 'The West End Comedy Club', with an arrow pointing to the entrance.
- This entrance is accessed by a small step, which is clearly marked. There is not a handrail at the step.
- The entrance doors visually contrast with their immediate surroundings.
- There is an intercom. The height of the intercom is 1m 60cm.
- The door is double width, the width of the door opening is 1m 50cm.
- One door is permanently held open before, during and after the show.



Access to the Club

Stairs:

- Stairs are used to access the club which is situated on the first floor.
- The stairs are located approximately 5m from the main entrance and are clearly visible from the main entrance.
- There are 23 steps between the ground floor and the club, which are clearly marked, and each have a height of 17cm.
- There is a handrail at the steps on the right-hand side, at a height of 90cm.
- There is a landing, where there is a sign to guide you to the entrance of the club.





Theatre Seating

Access to Seating:

- The theatre area is located upstairs, on the first floor.
- There is stepped access to the theatre area.
- The entrance doors visually contrast with their immediate surroundings.
- The door opens towards you.
- The door is double width.
- One door is held open before and after the show, and during breaks.
- The door is light.

Seating:

- A variety of seating is available including 3 sofas, high bar stools, low square stools, cushioned benches, and window seats with cushioned backrests.
- The seats do not have armrests and most seating does not have backrests.
- There is step free access to all seats.
- There is wooden flooring and rugs in the seating area. Care may be needed when moving between the different types of flooring.





Bar

- The bar is located in the main club area, towards the rear of the room.
- There is step-free access to the bar.
- Full table service is provided. Drinks are ordered from your table/seats and brought to you.
- Menus are clearly written and are presented in contrasting colours.
- There is not a lowered section of the counter.
- There is not a hearing assistance system.
- Music is played in this area.
- Drinking straws are available.
- Food is not served.

Toilets

- There is not an accessible toilet available.
- Standard toilet facilities are available, located through the doors, to the right of the seating area (when facing the stage).
- To access the toilets there are 2 steps, with a height of 15cm and 8cm.
- There are no wall mounted grab rails.
- There is not a lowered wash basin.
- The wash basins taps are operated by twisting.



